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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Evens Augustin

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 January 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5-33,35,37-66 and 69-76 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1,3,5-33,35,37-66 and 69-76 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Acknowledgements

1. This is in response to an amendment filed on 16 January 2007. Claims 1, 3, 5-33, 35, 37-66, and 69-76 are pending.

Response to Arguments

The United States Patent and Trademark Office has fully considered the applicant's arguments filed on 16 January 2007. After further considerations, it has been found that two or more independent and distinct inventions are claimed in this single application, and the examiner will require the applicant to elect an invention to which the claims will be restricted.

Election/Restrictions

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1, 3, 5-26, 33, 35, 37-58, 65-66, 69-71 and 73-75 are drawn to a method/apparatus for determining initial user profile, based on user's past search queries, classified in class 707, subclass 5.
 - II. Claims 27-32, 59-64, 72 and 76 are drawn to a method/apparatus for determining a first and second match value of a user profile on ad and using the match values to score an ad, classified in class 705, subclass 15.

According to 35 U.S.C. 121, if two or more "independent and/or distinct" inventions are claimed in one application. In 37 CFR 1.141, the statement is made that two or more

“independent and distinct inventions” may not be claimed in one application. Inventions are distinct if the inventions as claimed are not connected in at least one of design, operation, or effect (e.g., can be made by, or used in, a materially different process) and wherein at least one invention is PATENTABLE (novel and non-obvious) OVER THE OTHER (though they may each be unpatentable over the prior art). See MPEP § 806.05(c)

3. Inventions in groups I and II are directed to method/systems. The inventions are distinct if the inventions as claimed do not overlap in scope, i.e., are mutually exclusive; the inventions as claimed are not obvious variants; and the inventions as claimed are either not capable of use together or can have a materially different design, mode of operation, function, or effect. See MPEP § 806.05(j).

4. In the instant case, the inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons: Group I is related to a method/apparatus for determining initial user profile, based on user's past search queries, where as group II is related to method/apparatus for determining a first and second match value of a user profile on ad and using the match values to score an ad. The inventions in the two groups are patentable over each other. The invention in group I does not require a first and second match value of a user profile on ad landing page. Likewise, Group II does not require that the profile on the ad landing page is determined based on past search queries. Group I could be infringed upon, without infringing on group II. Therefore, the two groups are independent and have distinct inventions.

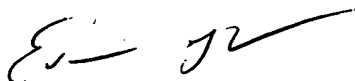
5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. Additionally, the inventions as claimed, would put serious burden on the examiner because the inventions are in separate field search, and would require additional queries and claim analysis in order to accomplish a meaningful search result.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Evens Augustin whose telephone number is 571-272-6860. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday thru Friday 8 to 5 pm.

8. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew Fischer can be reached on 571-272-6779.



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